Blessed Character and Sayings of Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنۡہُ

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(For Islamic Brothers)

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِیْنَ وَ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَ السَّلَامُ عَلٰی سَیِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِیْنَ
اَمَّا بَعْدُ فَاَعُوْذُ بِاللّٰہِ مِنَ الشَّیْطٰنِ الرَّجِیْمِ ؕ بِسْمِ اللّٰہِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ ؕ

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اَلصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُوْلَ الله وَعَلٰى اٰلِكَ وَاَصْحٰبِكَ يَا حَبِيْبَ الله
اَلصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ الله وَعَلٰى اٰلِكَ وَاَصْحٰبِكَ يَا نُوْرَ الله

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْاِعْتِكَاف

Translation: I have made the intention of Sunnah I'tikaf.

Dear Islamic brothers! Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of Nafl (supererogatory) I'tikaf because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafl I'tikaf.

Remember! By Shari'ah, it is not allowed to eat, drink and sleep in the Masjid, but if one makes the intention of I'tikaf he will be allowed to do these acts in Masjid. It is also important that one shouldn't make the intention of I'tikaf just to eat, drink or sleep. It should be made to earn reward. It is stated in *Rad-dul-Muhtar (Shaami)*: 'If someone wants to eat, drink or sleep in a Masjid, he should make the intention of I'tikaf, make some Zikr and then do what he wants (i.e. eat, drink or sleep).'

Excellence of reciting Durood

It is stated in blessed *Tirmizi*, a famous book of blessed Hadees: The Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has said, اَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِيْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ اَكْثَرُهُمْ عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً 'One who

will recite Durood more than everyone on me will be closest to me amongst people on the Judgement Day.' *(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 27, Hadees 484)*

Regarding this blessed Hadees Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه has stated: The one who will be with the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم will be the most comfortable on the Judgement Day and the source of attaining the blessed company of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم is to recite Durood abundantly. From this it has become obvious that reciting Durood upon the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم is the best virtue as all virtuous deeds will lead to Paradise, but this virtue will lead to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.

Dear Islamic brothers! Let's make good intentions for attaining the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and earning rewards. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِهٖ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action*.

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942)

Madani pearl

- The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward he will attain.

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.

2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit as I sit in Tashahhud as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.

3. When I hear صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب, اُذْكُرُوا الله, تُوْبُوْا اِلَى الله, etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.

4. After the Bayan, I will approach other people by making Salam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

Dear Islamic brothers! In today's Bayan, we are going to listen to a few attributes of the excellent character of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ and his blessed sayings. Let's first of all listen to a faith-refreshing parable.

How is my beloved?

Umm-ul-Mu`mineen, Sayyidatuna 'Aaishah Siddiqah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہَا has stated: In the beginning of Islam, when the number of blessed companions rose to 38, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ requested permission from the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم to preach the message of Islam openly. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم said: O Abu Bakr! We are now less in number. But Sayyiduna Abu Bakr continued to request and finally he صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم granted him permission to preach Islam. Muslims spread in the surrounding areas of Masjid-ul-Haraam. Everyone started inviting their family to Islam.

When Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ stood up to invite people to Islam, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم was also sitting there. When polytheists of Makkah saw Muslims inviting people to embrace Islam openly, they became furious and started beating Muslims. Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ was also beaten unconscious. When the people of his tribe [Banu Taym (تَیْم)] learnt about it they came running and took him to his home. His father Abu Qahafah and the people of Banu Taym were very worried. They were constantly trying to talk to him. Finally, in the last part of the day, he regained consciousness. When they inquired after him, the first sentence he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ spoke was, 'How is the Beloved Rasool (صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم)?' Upon hearing this, many people of his tribe got angry and left.

When the respected mother of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar, Umm-ul-Khayr Salma would ask him to eat something, he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would only speak one sentence: 'How is the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم?' Tell me only about him. Having seen this condition his mother told: By Allah Almighty! I do not know how your friend is. He رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ said, 'Please go to Umm-e-Jameel the daughter of Khattab and ask her how the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم is'. His mother went to Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Jameel رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہَا and asked: 'My son Abu Bakr is asking you about his friend Muhammad Bin 'Abdullah

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. How is he?' Instead of replying to this question Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Jameel رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهَا said: 'If you want I can go with you to your son.' Then both went to Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ. He رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ asked the same question: How is the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم'? Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Jameel رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهَا said, 'The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم is safe and quite well. He رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ asked: Where is he now? She رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهَا replied: He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم is sitting at Dar-ul-Arqam. He رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ said, 'By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I will not eat or drink anything until I myself see the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.' Anyhow when everyone had gone, his mother and Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Jameel رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهَا, the daughter of Khattab, took him to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. When the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم saw his true devotee, tears welled up in his eyes and he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم stepped forward, embraced him and showed immense compassion towards him.

Having seen this, all the Muslims also moved towards him. When the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم saw Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم became emotional. Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ humbly said: 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم! May my mother and father be sacrificed for you! I am alright; only my face has been wounded a little.' The day he رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ was made to experience suffering, on the very same day, his blessed mother Sayyidatuna Umm-ul-Khayr Salma and Sayyiduna Ameer Hamzah رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُمَا also embraced Islam. *(Tareekh Madinah Dimashq, vol. 30 pp. 49)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard! Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ, filled with the deep devotion to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم, endured severe hardships for preaching Islam. This great preacher of Islam sacrificed everything for the sake of the devotion to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. Despite experiencing immense sufferings and troubles, he رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ did not worry about himself, but kept remembering the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم and was impatient to know about his condition.

Just ponder! This was the state of the deep love and devotion of true loyal companions of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم! Now let's ponder over the fact as to how we love our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. Do we also have the enthusiasm for sacrificing our lives for the sake of Islam? Blessed companions رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنۡھُم and pious predecessors رَحِمَھُمُ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی never hesitated to sacrifice their lives and wealth, but unfortunately we even do not sacrifice our time. Remember! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ helps those who help Islam. In Ayah 40 of Surah Al-Hajj, it is stated:

وَ لَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللّٰهُ مَنْ يَّنْصُرُهٗ ؕ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And undoubtedly, Allah will necessarily help him who will help His religion. *(Part 17, Surah Al-Hajj, Ayah 40)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will help the one who will help His religion. Sayyiduna Qatadah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنۡہُ has said: It is upon the Will of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that He helps the one who helps Him (His religion). *(Tafseer Ad-Durr-ul-Mansoor, vol. 7, pp. 462)*

Hakeem-ul-Ummat Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه has said: To help the blessed saints, serve a Nabi, spread Islamic knowledge all are the help for the religion of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. *(Noor-ul-'Irfan, pp. 537)*

Therefore, with the intention of seeking the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, we should develop the passion for propagating the message of Islam. There are people who help the religion of Allah Almighty. How are they helped? Who helps them? What kind of steadfastness are they blessed with? Let's listen. In Ayah 7 of Surah Muhammad, part 26 it is stated:

يٰۤاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْۤا اِنْ تَنْصُرُوا اللّٰهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَ يُثَبِّتْ اَقْدَامَكُمْ ۝۷

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O People who Believe! If you help the religion of Allah, He will help you and will stabilise you. *(Part 26, Surah Muhammad, Ayah 7)*

On every Friday and at Eids, countless number of Khateebs make Du'as for those who help Islam, or rather pious predecessors have been making these Du'as for centuries. Imam of Ahl-us-Sunnah Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه has also included the following Du'a in '*Khutbat-e-Razawiyyah'*. Here is the Du'a:

اَللّٰهُمَّ انْصُرْ مَنْ نَّصَرَ دِيْنَ سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلٰنَا مُحَمَّد

O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Help those who help the religion of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰـه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! O those who call people towards righteousness, travel with Madani Qafilahs, give Dars, make individual efforts upon others, extend support to the devotees of Rasool, help the poor travellers of Madani Qafilah financially, and those who take part in any way to help Islam, congratulations as Du'a is being made for them during Friday sermons. O the helpers of Islam! Undoubtedly, when someone gets Divine help, he succeeds in both the worlds. By the help of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, big troubles go away and we remain unaware of it. There is something more after the Du'a of sermon:

وَاخْذُلْ مَنْ خَذَلَ دِيْنَ سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلٰنَا مُحَمَّد

O Allah Almighty! Do not help the one also who does not help the religion of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.

Dear Islamic brothers! It is a matter of having fear. If Allah Almighty does not help a person, then surely he will not succeed. Every one of us should ponder whether we are being blessed with Du'a or curse! Every such deed is considered to be a help for the religion of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم that spreads Islam, makes non-Muslims embrace Islam and reforms spoiled Muslims. So do your best to promote the call towards righteousness. Travel with Sunnah-inspiring Madani Qafilahs. Learn Sunnahs yourselves and also teach them to others. Thus get the news of Divine help by helping Islam a lot as Allah Almighty has made this promise: In Ayah 7 of Surah Muhammad, part 26, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated:

یٰۤاَیُّهَا الَّذِیْنَ اٰمَنُوْۤا اِنْ تَنْصُرُوا اللّٰهَ یَنْصُرْكُمْ وَ یُثَبِّتْ اَقْدَامَكُمْ ﴿۷﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O People who Believe! If you help the religion of Allah, He will help you and will stabilise you. *(Part 26, Surah Muhammad, Ayah 7)*

Then Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will help you i.e., when a Mu`min will make an effort in preaching Islam, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make things easy for him, make him steadfast in this mission and will bless him with courage.

Brief introduction to Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ

Dear Islamic brothers! Let's listen to the introduction of Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ before we know more about his life history. The blessed name of the first caliph of Islam, the leader of believers, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ is 'Abdullah'. His Kunyah is 'Abu Bakr' and his titles are 'Siddeeq' and 'Ateeq'. The meaning of 'Siddeeq' is '*One who speaks the truth very much*'. He رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ was famous by this title even in the era of ignorance because he would always speak the truth. The meaning of 'Ateeq' is '*free*'. Giving him good news, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said: 'اَنْتَ عَتِیْقُ اللهِ مِنَ النَّارِ' i.e. *By the grace of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, you are free from the fire of Hell*.' That's why he رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ was given this title. *(Tareekh-ul-Khulafa, pp. 19)* He رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ is 'Qurayshi', and seven generations above, his genealogical tree joins with that of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.

He رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ was born in Makkah Mukarramah, approximately two and a half years after 'Aam-ul-Feel' (Year of the Elephant i.e. the year when accursed King Abrahah attacked sacred Ka'bah with the army of elephants). The leader of the believers, Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ is the companion who was the first to testify to the Risalat [Prophethood] of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. He رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ was such a great personage that after honourable Ambiya عَلَیْهِمُ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام, he is the most superior and the

greatest of all mankind. Amongst all free men, he رَضِیَ اللہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ was the first to embrace Islam and proved his loyalty by supporting the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم for the whole life. After a splendid reign of caliphate that lasted two years and seven months, he رَضِیَ اللہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ passed away on 22nd Jumadal Ukhra, 13th Hijri, after spending the day of Monday. The leader of believers, Sayyiduna 'Umar رَضِیَ اللہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ led the funeral Salah and Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ was laid to rest beside the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم. *(Tareekh-ul-Khulafa, pp. 62, 27, 81)*

Most abstinent

At one place in the Holy Quran, Allah Almighty has called Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ *most pious*.

And he (i.e. Abu Bakr Siddeeq) will be kept far away from it (Hell) who is most pious.

(Part 30, Surah Al-Layl, Ayah 17)

The [اَتْقٰی] *'most pious'* as mentioned in this blessed Ayah refers to Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ. Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard! Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ had such a great status in the Merciful Court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that many blessed Ayahs have been revealed about him. Similarly, he رَضِیَ اللہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ had very high status in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم.

Blessed status of Siddeeq-e-Akbar in the court of Beloved Rasool ﷺ

Sayyiduna Abu 'Usman رَضِیَ اللہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ has narrated that blessed companions humbly asked: Amongst people who do you love the most? He صَلَّی اللہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم

replied, 'Aaishah.' They again humbly asked, 'Who is from amongst men?' He صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم replied, 'The father of 'Aaishah.' (i.e., Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ.) *(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 3, pp. 126, Hadees 4358)*

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin 'Abbas رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُمَا has said: I saw that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم was standing with Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيْم, and in the meantime Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ came. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم stepped forward and shook hands with him, hugged him and then kissed on his face and said to Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيْم: O Abu Al-Hassan! To me Abu Bakr has the same status which I have in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. *(Ar-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, pp. 185)*

Warm welcome to Siddeeq-e-Akbar in Paradise

Similarly, Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin 'Abbas رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُمَا has narrated that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said, 'One such person will enter Paradise that all the dwellers of Paradise will address him by saying loudly: Welcome! Welcome! Come here! Come here!' Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ asked in astonishment: 'Ya Rasoolalllah صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم! Will we be able to see him as well?' The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم replied: 'O Abu Bakr! You are that dweller of Paradise.' *(Sahih Ibn Habbaan, pp. 7, Hadees 6828)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard! Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ is such a fortunate companion that after blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام, he has been declared to be the most superior person amongst all people. Moreover, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم gave him the good news of Paradise.

He رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ has also enjoyed the privilege of being with the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم throughout his life. His greatness can be observed by the fact that even in the skies, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has mentioned his name with the name of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم as narrated by Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said: 'I was given the tour of the skies. Thus, every sky I visited, I found my name written over there and after my [name], [I] also found the name of Abu Bakr written.' *(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, vol. 9, pp. 19, Hadees 14296)* Therefore, we should also have

great love and devotion to Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ so that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ showers His mercy on us for the sake of His beloved.

Passion for well-wishing

Dear Islamic brothers! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ blessed Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ with outstanding qualities and pure character. Let's listen to some of his blessed character traits. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ had great passion to do good to people. That's why he رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would show great kindness and mercy to the blessed companions رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُم who were being oppressed because of embracing Islam. For the Muslims who were treated cruelly, he رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would not only have the feelings of sympathy in his heart, but he رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would also try his best to bring salvation to them. He would not be reluctant even to spend money for this great cause. Let's listen to a faith-refreshing parable in this regard.

Freedom of Sayyiduna Bilal رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ

Sayyiduna Bilal Habashi رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ, a famous and dear companion of Rasoolullah, was a true believer and was a pious slave. His master Umayyah Bin Khalaf would take him out of Makkah in the scorching heat of the sun and would make him lie flat on his back on the burning sand, placing a big stone on his chest and would then say: 'Deny (the religion of) Muhammad (صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم), worship our gods or else you will die in the same state.' Sayyiduna Bilal Habashi رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would only give the following reply: 'اَحَد اَحَد' (i.e. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is One, He has no partner).' *(Ar-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, pp. 133-134)*

One day, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ passed by the place where Sayyiduna Bilal Habashi رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ was being treated cruelly. Rebuking Umayyah Bin Khalaf, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِیَ اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ said: 'Don't you fear Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ while treating this poor person cruelly? How long will you continue to do it?' He said: 'Abu Bakr! You have spoiled (i.e. converted him to Islam) him, so

[now] you bring him freedom as well.' Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ replied: 'I have a slave healthier and stronger than Bilal; give me Sayyiduna Bilal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ in exchange for that slave.' He replied: 'I agree!' Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ bought Sayyiduna Bilal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ in exchange for the slave and some money and freed him. Thereafter, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ freed six more such slaves. *(Ar-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, pp. 134)*

It has also been narrated that Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ bought Sayyiduna Bilal Habashi رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ for 5 Awqiyah (about 32 Tola of) gold, so the seller said: 'Abu Bakr! If you had stuck to only one Awqiyah of gold, I would have sold him even for that amount.' Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ responded: 'If you had demanded 100 Awqiyah of gold, I would have even paid that and would have definitely bought Sayyiduna Bilal.'

(Ar-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, pp. 134)

Dear Islamic brothers! From the above-mentioned parable it has been learnt that Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ was very kind to Muslims. He could not see any Mu'min in difficulty and would prefer his wealth to his life. That's why he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ bought seven slaves including Sayyiduna Bilal Habashi رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ and set them free. He رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ was not only pious, but he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would also take the lead in performing virtuous deeds.

Financial sacrifice by Sayyiduna Abu Bakr

On the occasion of the Battle of Tabook, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم commanded the wealthy people of his Ummah to give financial donations generously in the path of Allah Almighty so that arrangements could be made for the food and riding animals of those who were fighting for the sake of Islam. Obeying this commandment of Rasoolullah صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم, the blessed personality who brought his entire wealth to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم to give it in the path of Allah Almighty was a blessed companion, a great devotee of Rasool, Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ. He placed all his wealth and possessions at the feet of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم. Seeing this great sacrifice made by his closest companion,

the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم asked: 'Have you left anything for your family as well?' Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ humbly replied with utmost respect: 'اَبْقَيْتُ لَهُمُ اللهَ وَرَسُوْلَهُ' i.e. I have left them at the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.' *(Subul-ul-Huda, vol. 5, pp. 435)* His statement can simply be interpreted as: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم are sufficient for me and my family.

I am pleased with my Rab!

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin 'Umar رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُمَا has said: I was present in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم; there I saw Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ wearing a dress which had thorns in place of buttons. In the meantime, Sayyiduna Jibra'eel Ameen عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام came to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم and humbly asked: Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم! Why is Abu Bakr رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ wearing such a dress today? The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم replied: O Jibra'eel! He has sacrificed his entire wealth for me before the Conquest of Makkah. Jibra'eel Ameen عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly said: Allah Almighty sends Salam to you and says: Ask him if he is pleased or displeased with Allah Almighty. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said: Abu Bakr! Allah Almighty has sent Salam to you and said: Are you pleased with Me or not? Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ humbly said, 'How can I be displeased with my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ!' I am pleased with my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I am pleased with my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I am pleased with my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ. *(Tareekh-e-Madinah Dimashq, vol. 30, pp. 71)*

Dear Islamic brothers! From this narration we have understood that Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ not only had a great status in the court of Allah Almighty, but he رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ also had a great passion for sacrificing wealth in the path of Allah Almighty. Surely spending wealth in the path of Allah Almighty has many virtues. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said: 'The Muslim who clothes any Muslim who does not have clothes, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make him wear the dress of Paradise; and he who feeds any hungry Muslim, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make him eat the fruit of Paradise; and he who makes

any thirsty Muslim drink water, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make him drink sealed pure wine.' *(Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 2, pp. 180, Hadees 1682)*

Sada-e-Madinah - one of the 12 Madani activities

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard! Clothing the Muslims who do not have clothes, feeding the hungry and giving water to the thirsty to drink are excellent virtuous deeds. Let's make intention that we will also help the poor, give food to the hungry and water to thirsty Muslims, اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, in the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, Islamic brothers are motivated to perform countless such virtuous deeds. Therefore, from today or rather right now associate yourself with this Madani environment and take part practically in 12 Madani activities to spread the call towards righteousness.

Remember! One Madani activity out of 12 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah is also 'Sada-e-Madinah'. In the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, to wake Muslims up for Fajr Salah is called 'Sada-e-Madinah'. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, by virtue of the blessing of Sada-e-Madinah, one is privileged to offer Tahajjud Salah.

- By virtue of the blessing of Sada-e-Madinah, Salah is protected.
- By virtue of the blessing of Sada-e-Madinah one can offer Fajr Salah with first Takbeer in the first row of the Masjid.
- By virtue of the blessing of Sada-e-Madinah, one can also get the reward of calling people towards righteousness.
- By virtue of the blessing of Sada-e-Madinah, Dawat-e-Islami the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, will be publicized and will become famous.
- One who makes Sada-e-Madinah makes Du'a again and again for Muslims to perform Hajj and see sacred Madinah. If Allah Almighty wills, these Du'as will also be answered for him as well.

- By virtue of the blessing of walking during Sada-e-Madinah one will also improve his health.
- Making Sada-e-Madinah is to wake Muslims up for Fajr Salah and to wake Muslims up for Fajr Salah is a Sunnah of Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. Waking Muslims up for Fajr Salah is also a Sunnah of Sayyiduna Ali رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ and Sunnah of Sayyiduna Umar-e-Farooq رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ. While going to the Masjid Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ would wake people up for Fajr Salah.

Study the booklet, 'Sada-e-Madinah' published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah in order to get more useful information about the Madani activity of Sada-e-Madinah. For persuasion, let's listen to a Madani parable of making Sada-e-Madinah and rejoice.

Sada-e-Madinah leads to Madinah

An Islamic brother who was living in Ilahbad, the area of Theeng More (Kusur, Punjab) was associated with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, but he was not active in Madani activities. By chance, in Muharram-ul-Haraam 1431 AH [January 2010], he met the responsible Islamic brother of Zonal Mushawarat of Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool. When he learnt about his disinterest in Madani activities, he making an individual effort on him not only motivated him to carry out Madani activities, but he also persuaded him to make Sada-e-Madinah regularly. Regarding this he read out the saying of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه, 'Sada-e-Madinah Dikhaye Madinah'. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلّ! He made up his mind and in the hope of visiting Madinah he started acting upon it from the next day. He just started making Sada-e-Madinah, Allah Almighty and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم had mercy on him and he was privileged to visit the blessed court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم during the same year. Moreover, by virtue of the blessing of Sada-e-Madinah his elder brother was also privileged to perform Hajj.

Manner of inviting towards Islam

Dear Islamic brothers! Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ is the fortunate companion who was the first amongst men to embrace Islam. A famous biographer Sayyiduna Ibn Ishaaq رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ has stated: Just after embracing Islam, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ openly declared it and also started inviting [people] to it. Since he رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ was very soft-hearted amongst his nation, he would share in their sorrow, and was everyone's favourite personality, he was fully aware of the status and nobility of the lineage of Quraysh and their every good and evil. He رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ was also a famous and well-mannered trader. All the prominent personalities and common people of Quraysh would come to him due to his virtues in knowledge and business, and his good company. They would benefit from his blessed company. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ would make an individual effort on them, tell them the virtues of Islam and would invite them to embrace Islam. In this way, he رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ also motivated many people, who visited him, to embrace Islam by making individual efforts on them. *(Ar-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, pp. 91)*

Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَکَاتُہُمُ الْعَالِیَہ has stated on page 11 of his 32-page booklet '*Buddha Pujari*' [The Aged (Idol) Worshipper]: Through his individual efforts, the five blessed individuals embraced Islam who are amongst the 'Asharah-e-Mubashsharah. (Remember! The ten blessed companions of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْهِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم who were given the good news of being Jannati in the world are called 'Asharah-e-Mubashsharah'). *(Bunyadi 'Aqaaid aur Ma'mulaat-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, pp. 76)*

Their blessed names are as follows:

1. Sayyiduna 'Usman-e-Ghani رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ
2. Sayyiduna Sa'd Bin Abi Waqqas رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ
3. Sayyiduna Talhah Bin 'Ubaydullah رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ
4. Sayyiduna 'Abdur Rahman Bin 'Awf رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ
5. Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ

Construction of Masjid in the house

Dear Islamic brothers! In the early days of Islam, Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ constructed a Masjid in the courtyard of his home where he would recite the Holy Quran and offer Salah. Seeing him deeply engrossed in the acts of worship, people would gather around him. His recitation of the Holy Quran, his worship, weeping out of Divine fear would really impress people. Many people also embraced Islam by virtue of these acts of his. *(Ar-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, pp. 92)*

Sayyidatuna 'Aaishah Siddiqah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہَا has said: When my respectable father would recite the Holy Quran, he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would not have any control on his tears, that is, he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would weep bitterly. *(Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 1, pp. 493, Hadees 806)*

Weeping during recitation is an act of reward

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard! Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would weep uncontrollably while reciting the Holy Quran despite the fact that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم had already given him the good news of being Jannati in the world. Even then he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would weep out of the fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. We should also weep while reciting the Holy Quran and if we are unable to do so, we should at least make a weeping face because weeping while reciting the Holy Quran is an excellent deed. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has said: Weep while reciting the Holy Quran and if you are unable to weep, make a weeping face.

(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 129, Hadees 1337)

Siyam in summer

Dear Islamic brothers! In addition to worshipping Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ abundantly, Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would also observe Siyam [fasts] abundantly. It is stated about him that he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would observe [Nafl] Siyam in summer and would not observe them in winter. Surely it was

Sayyiduna Abu Bakr's yearning for worship that he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would weep while reciting the Holy Quran and would observe Nafl Siyam in addition to Fard Siyam in summer. Today if we ponder over our condition, we find that we observe Fard [obligatory] Siyam with great difficulty even in winter though in winter, days are very short and nights are very long and one feels less thirsty during the day. Whereas, in summer, usually days are very long and nights are very short and one feels intense thirst during the day.

Surely the heat of this world is nothing as compared to the heat of the Hereafter because on the Day of Judgment when the sun will be shining at a distance of only 1.25 miles, people will be very thirsty and will be drenched in their own sweat, it will surely not be possible for us to bear the heat of that time. Therefore for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ we should try to perform good deeds in the world. We should please Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم. We have to perform virtuous deeds abundantly in this world in order to attain the shade of the 'Arsh by the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ on the Judgement Day. In order to have this Madani mind-set associate yourself with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, and participate practically to accumulate virtues for the Hereafter.

Majlis IT

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, is busy spreading the message of Islam in almost 107 departments all over the world. One of them is Majlis IT whose function is to present Islam's message all over the world through information technology. 'Fatawa Razawiyyah Shareef' of Ala Hadrat رَحْمَۃُ اللّٰہِ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہ and Translation of the Holy Quran, 'Kanz-ul-Iman' in the form of software are amongst great and notable achievements of Majlis IT. In cooperation with Majlis Tawqeet, Majlis IT has also presented the software that is very useful in indicating the correct timings of Salahs in computers and mobile phones, etc. A large number of books can be easily studied through Al-Madinah Library. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, all these software, prepared

by Majlis IT, can be bought from Maktaba-tul-Madinah. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, so far almost 26 different applications have been launched. May Allah Almighty enable us to serve Islam greatly, to take part actively in virtuous deeds, to act upon Madani In'amaat and to persuade other Islamic brothers to do so by being associated with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool!

Dear Islamic brothers! Another blessed aspect of the life of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ was that he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ was very soft-hearted for neighbours.

Do not quarrel with neighbours

Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman Bin Qaasim رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ has narrated from his father: Once Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ passed by Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman Bin Abu Bakr رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُمَا who was scolding his neighbour. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ said to him: Do not quarrel with your neighbour because he will remain here, but the people who will see your quarrel will go away from here. *(Kanz-ul-Ummal, vol. 5, pp. 79, Hadees 25599)*

Rights of neighbours

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard! Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ presented the call towards righteousness with graceful manners to the one who was quarrelling with his neighbour. Of course, when two neighbours quarrel with each other about something, they suffer loss themselves because even after the quarrel they have to live together and their quarrel becomes a fun for others.

Remember! Islam lays great emphasis on the rights of neighbour as the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said: 'I advise you to treat your neighbours well.' Then the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم mentioned so

many rights of neighbours that it seemed that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم would give him a share in inheritance.

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 8, pp. 111, Hadees 7523)

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ grant us the privilege to take great care of our neighbours!

Sayings of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ

Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ reformed the people not only through his character, but he also guided the Ummah by presenting the call towards righteousness through his admonitory sayings.

Sayyiduna Raafi' رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ has said: I was present in the court of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ. I humbly said: Please advise me. He رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ said twice: 'May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ have mercy on you and grant you blessing (then said:)

1. Offer Fard Salahs on time.
2. Pay Zakah happily.
3. Observe the Siyam of Ramadan.
4. Perform Hajj of Baytullah and
5. Never become a ruler.

I humbly asked: O Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen! Nowadays, the rulers are the best people of Ummah. He رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ replied: Nowadays, governance is easy but I fear that in the future due to the excess of victories, there will be many governments, and thus it is likely that incompetent rulers will emerge. On the Day of Judgement, the accountability of a ruler will be longer and [he will suffer] more torment, whereas non-ruler's accountability will be lesser and [he will suffer] light torment, because it is the ruler who inflicts more cruelty

and a cruel ruler breaks the promise that he gives to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Amongst these rulers, some (those who serve justice) are pious bondmen of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and some, (because of cruelty) are driven away from the Divine court. By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! When any of you seizes neighbour's nanny goat or camel, he becomes very happy that he has seized neighbour's nanny goat or camel, whereas, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will punish them definitely. *(Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 6, pp. 51, Hadees 7472, Ar-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, pp. 253)*

Madani campaign of Nafl Siyam

Dear Islamic brothers! اَلْحَمْدُلِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! By virtue of the blessings of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه, who observes Siyam throughout the year, the Madani campaign of Nafl Siyam continues especially through the followers of Madani In'amaat in Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool. Let's listen to a few Madani pearls about the Nafl Siyam.

Few Madani Pearls about Nafl Siyam

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated: If someone keeps a Nafl Sawm one day and he is given the whole earth full of gold as a reward, even then, his reward will not be complete, he will be given his reward only on the Day of Judgement. *(Musnad Abi Ya'la, vol. 5, pp. 353, Hadees 6104)*

Organizational grading for Sawm-observing devotees

- **Excellent:** The one who observes 'Sawm-e-Dawoodi', that is, observes a Sawm every alternate day, or at least 15 Siyam in a month at his convenience or observes Siyam throughout the year except for the five prohibited days (It is Makruh Tahreemi to observe a Sawm on Eid-ul-Fitr, and 10, 11, 12, 13th of Zul-Hijja-til-Haraam.) *(Durr-e-Mukhtar, Rad-dul-Muhtar, vol. 3, pp. 391)*

- **Better:** One who observes Sawm every blessed Monday and Thursday will be considered to be 'better'. (Observing Siyam on Monday and

Thursday is a Sunnah. However, one observing seven Siyam in a Madani month at his convenience will also be organizationally considered to be 'better'.)

- **Average:** One who observes Sawm every blessed Monday or due to some compulsion, on the weekly holiday will be considered to be average. (In this way, he will observe four or five Siyam in a month.)

- **Remember!** If a Nafl Sawm is deliberately observed, it will become Wajib to complete it. If one breaks it, its Qada will become Wajib.

  (Durr-e-Mukhtar, vol. 3, pp. 473)

- If parents forbid their son from observing a Nafl Sawm for fear of illness, the son should obey his parents. *(Rad-dul-Muhtar, vol. 3, pp. 478)*

- A wife cannot observe a Nafl Sawm without the permission of her husband. *(Durr-e-Mukhtar, vol. 3, pp. 477)*

Note

The Islamic brothers joining the Madani campaign of Nafl Siyam should contact Majlis Madani In'amaat.

Madani pearls about shaking hands

Dear Islamic brothers! Let's listen to some Madani pearls about shaking hands from the booklet '*101 Madani Phool*', written by Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتۡ بَرَکَاتُہُمُ الۡعَالِیَہ:

- When two Muslims meet, it is Sunnah for them to shake hands using both hands after saying Salam.

- When two friends meet each other, shake hands, and recite Durood upon the Nabi (صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیۡہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم), their past and future sins are forgiven before they separate. *(Shu'ab-ul-Iman lil-Bayhaqi, vol. 6, pp. 471, Hadees 8944)*

- While shaking hands; if possible, recite the following Du'a as well after reciting Durood:

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgive me and you.

Announcement

Remaining Madani pearls about shaking hands will be mentioned in the Tarbiyyati Halqahs [learning circles]. Therefore, do attend the Tarbiyyati Halqahs in order to learn them.

The 6 Duroods and 2 Du'as that are recited in the Sunnah-inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami:

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1. The Durood for the night preceding Friday

اَللّٰھُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِنِ النَّبِيِّ الْاُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيْبِ الْعَالِى الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيْمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَصَحْبِهٖ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Durood at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. *(Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 151)*

2. All sins forgiven

اَللّٰھُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا وَ مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَسَلِّمْ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'Whoever recites this Durood upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.' *(Ibid, pp. 65)*

3. 70 Portals of mercy

Whoever recites this Durood, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him.
(Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', pp. 277)

4. The reward of 600,000 Duroods

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِىْ عِلْمِ اللّٰهِ صَلَاةً دَآئِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللّٰهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ الْهَادِى reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Durood once receives the reward of reciting Durood 600,000 times. *(Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 149)*

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Rasool ﷺ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم], and the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُم were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said, 'When he recites Durood upon me, he does so in these words.' *(Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', pp. 125)*

6. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ اَنْزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated: The one who recites this Durood upon me, my intercession will become Wajib for him.

(Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadees 31)

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللّٰهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَّا هُوَ اَهْلُهٗ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.'

(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, pp. 254, vol. 10, Hadees 17305)

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The following narration has been mentioned on page 187 of *Gharaib-ul-Quran*, 'If anyone recites the following Du'a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' We should recite it every night. Here is the Du'a:

Translation: There is none worthy of worship except Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who is 'حَلِيْم' and 'كَرِيْم'. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'سُبْحَان', Rab of the seven skies and Rab of the magnificent 'Arsh.

Jadwal for the Halqahs [learning sessions] of the weekly Ijtima' (overseas), 28 February 2019

1. Short Bayan on different topics: **5 minutes**
2. Memorising Du'a: **5 minutes**
3. Fikr-e-Madinah: **5 minutes**
4. Total duration: **15 minutes**

Madani pearls about shaking hands

- The Du'a that two Muslims make while shaking hands will اِنۡ شَآءَاللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ be answered and both will be forgiven before their hands are separated. *(Musnad Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, vol. 4, pp. 286, Hadees 12454)*
- Shaking hands with each other removes enmity.
- When two Muslims shake hands while meeting and ask each other about their well-being, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sends down a hundred mercies between them, of which ninety nine mercies are for the one who meets the other more warmly and asks about the well-being of his brother in a more beautiful manner. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 5, pp. 380, Raqm 7672)*
- It is not Sunnah for both to just shake hands by using one hand each. The Sunnah is to use both hands for a handshake.
- Say Salam when leaving as well. You may also shake hands.
- You can shake hands every time you meet.
- Some people just touch their fingers; this is not the Sunnah either.
- It is Makruh to kiss one's own hand after shaking hands.

(Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 16, pp. 115)

Du'a for paying gratitude

In the Madani Halqahs of Dawat-e-Islami's Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima' this week, the Du'a for '*paying gratitude*' will be taught as per the schedule. The Du'a is as follows:

Translation: O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ help me to invoke Your Zikr (remembrance), paying gratitude and performing Your worship virtuously.

(Sunan Abi Dawood, pp. 123, vol. 2, Hadees 1522)

Method of collective Fikr-e-Madinah (72 Madani In'amaat)

Saying of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم: Pondering (over the Hereafter) for a moment is better than the worship of 60 years.

(Al-Jami'-us-Sagheer, pp. 365, Hadees 5897)

Let's make "good intentions" before filling in the Madani In'amaat booklet:

1. To please Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I will carry out today's Fikr-e-Madinah (i.e. self-accountability) myself through the Madani In'amaat booklet and persuade others as well.

2. I will praise (i.e. thank) Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for the Madani In'amaat which I practised.

3. I will regret the Madani In'amaat which I did not practise and try to act on them in the future.

4. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forbid, if I have not acted on any such Madani In'aam which saves a person from the sins, I will make a firm intention of not committing sin in the future, along with making repentance and Istighfar.

5. I will not reveal my good deeds without need (for example, I act on such and such or these many Madani In'amaat).

6. I will act afterwards or tomorrow on the Madani In'amaat which can be practised afterwards (for example, one did not recite Salat-'Alan-Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم 313 times today).

7. I will try to achieve the actual aim of filling in the Madani In'amaat booklet (for example, Divine fear, piety, correcting manners, progress in the Madani activities, etc.).

8. I will fill in the Madani In'amaat booklet (i.e. carry out Fikr-e-Madinah) tomorrow as well.

9. I will not consider it a usual formality but fill in the Madani In'amaat booklet while pondering.

Mark the boxes given below with a "correct (i.e. inverted tick)" sign for the Madani In'amaat you have practised today and mark them with a "(0) sign" in case you have not practised them.

Attention: Carry out Fikr-e-Madinah while keeping an eye on your own Madani In'amaat booklet only.

Method of collective Fikr-e-Madinah (72 Madani In'amaat)

Daily 50 Madani In'amaat

1. Made good intentions?
2. Offered all 5 daily Salahs with Jama'at and Takbeer-e-Aula?
3. Recited Ayat-ul-Kursi, Tasbih-e-Fatimah and Surah Al-Ikhlas after every Salah?
4. Replied to Azan and Iqamat?
5. Recited Salat 'Alan Nabi 313 times?
6. Paid Salam to Muslims?
7. Conversed using the words "*Aap*" and "*Jee*"?

8. Said 'اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ' upon intending for permissible things?
9. Replied to the Hamd of the one saying Salam or who sneezed?
10. Used terminologies of Dawat-e-Islami?
11. Applied Qufl-e-Madinah of stomach while eating less than hunger?
12. Delivered or listened to two Madani Dars?
13. Studied or taught in Madrasa-tul-Madinah Baalighan?
14. Read or listened to a reformative book for 12 minutes and 4 consecutive pages of *Faizan-e-Sunnat*?
15. Performed Fikr-e-Madinah?
16. Offered Salat-ut-Taubah?
17. Slept on mat? Kept Sunnah box by the pillow?
18. Offered Sunnahs before Fard and Nawafil after the Faraaid?
19. Offered Tahajjud, Ishraq, Chasht and Awwabeen?
20. Offered Tahiyya-tul-Wudu and Tahiyya-tul-Masjid?
21. Recited or listened to three Ayahs from Kanz-ul-Iman with translation and commentary?
22. Performed individual efforts on two (Islamic) brothers?
23. Spent two hours in Madani activities?
24. Obeyed your Nigran?
25. Refrained from using things asking from others?
26. In case one committed a mistake, did you reform him?
27. Performed veil within veil? Moreover, faced towards the Qiblah?
28. Controlled your anger?
29. Refrained from useless questions?
30. Observed Shar'i veil from your non-Mahram relatives / neighbours?
31. Refrained from films, dramas, songs and music etc.?

32. Made efforts to establish Madani environment at home?
33. Refrained from slandering and abusing?
34. Refrained from intervening into other's conversation?
35. Called out Sada-e-Madinah?
36. Kept your gaze lowered while applying Qufl-e-Madinah of eyes?
37. Made the efforts to refrain from peeping into others' houses?
38. Refrained from lying, backbiting, tale-telling, jealousy, arrogance and breaking promises?
39. Stayed in the state of Wudu for most part of the day?
40. Refrained from staring at the face of the addressee?
41. Paid back the loan on time?
42. Concealed Muslims' faults?
43. Kept unified relations?
44. Made efforts to create humility and self-mortification during Salah and Du'a?
45. Refrained from uttering such words of humility which your heart does not approve to?
46. While applying Qufl-e-Madinah of tongue, did you converse through gestures and by writing 4 times?
47. Watched or listened to the video/audio of one Bayan or Madani Muzakarah, or watched Madani Channel for 1 hour 12 minutes?
48. Refrained from joking, taunting, hurting feelings and laughing aloud?
49. Used minimum words for necessary conversation?
50. Wore Madani attire the whole day?

Qufl-e-Madinah performance

- Conversing through writing – 12 times
- Conversing through gestures – 12 times
- Conversing without staring – 12 times
- Usage of Qufl-e-Madinah glasses – 12 minutes

Weekly 8 Madani In'amaat

1. Attended the weekly Ijtima' from beginning to end?
2. Performed individual efforts on at least 4 brothers after the Ijtima'?
3. Inquired after an ill person?
4. Took part in Madani Daurah?
5. Made efforts to bring those back who were associated to the Madani environment but do not come anymore?
6. Attended the Masjid Ijtima' (weekly Madani Muzakarah)?
7. Sent a letter?
8. Kept Sawm on Monday?

Du'a of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat

Ya Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Please do not give death to the person until he recites Kalimah who acts upon the Madani In'amaat with the sincerity of the heart, fills in the booklet through Fikr-e-Madinah daily and submits it to his responsible Islamic person on the 1st of every Madani month.